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General Plan Update

In December 2008, the City Council adopted the General Plan Visioning Report summarizing community input from workshops and meetings held throughout 2008 to help create a vision of Mountain View's future through the year 2030. The results of this visioning process will serve as the framework for updating the City's General Plan, a comprehensive, long-range policy document describing community's goals and policies related to a wide range of issues including land use, circulation, conservation, safety and community services.

The General Plan Visioning Report includes the following Community Vision Statement:

In 2030, the City of Mountain View embraces sustainable living and provides for the needs of all residents. It is a place that values its diversity, balances preservation with innovation, and provides quality education. The community supports a lively downtown, vibrant neighborhoods, and a healthy economy.

The General Plan update process will continue through 2009 and 2010 with neighborhood workshops in late Spring and Summer 2009 and City-wide community workshops in 2010 to provide input on a number of General Plan topics such as land use, economics, housing, climate change, urban design, community services and facilities, open space and conservation. Community members are encouraged to attend these workshops.

For more information or to view a copy of the report, call the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306 or visit the General Plan website at www.mountainview2030.com.



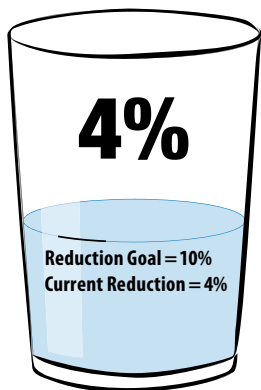
Drought Conditions Continue—Request to Reduce Water Use by 10%

California is in a drought. After two consecutive years of extremely dry weather and the start of a very dry Winter, water reserves that Mountain View and other Bay Area water customers rely on are far below normal levels. Additionally, court-ordered restrictions on the amount of water that can be pumped out of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and upgrades to the Hetch-Hetchy system may further reduce the amount of water available to customers in Santa Clara County.

The City's two largest water suppliers, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and Santa Clara Valley Water District, have asked customers to voluntarily reduce their water usage by 10 percent to preserve limited water supplies.

Mountain View water customers are voluntarily conserving water, but conservation efforts need to significantly increase. Water use is down only 4 percent compared to the 10 percent reduction goal set by the City's water suppliers. Mountain View water customers need to increase conservation efforts immediately, or the current voluntary water conservation measures may become mandatory and even more severe, particularly if Winter precipitation levels are below normal. It is important to do what we can now and stay tuned for potential mandated provisions.

The City offers many water-saving programs, including



on site visits by trained surveyors to identify practices and equipment that use excessive amounts of water, assistance implementing water-efficient irrigation systems and selecting low-water-use landscaping, and information about efficient clothes washers, toilets and water softeners. Many programs offer incentives for participation and rebates for installing water-saving equipment.

The City is also working with the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) to provide a water efficient landscaping class in Mountain View on May 16, 2009. Please contact the City number below or contact BAWSCA at (650) 349-3000 for more details regarding the class.

Suggestions on how to save water at home and at work and details regarding the City's programs are available on the City's website at www.conservewater.mountainview.gov, or call the City's Water Conservation Program at (650) 903-6216.

Save Water: Get a Free Water Audit

You can conserve water and save money at your home or business by requesting a free inspection of your property to help identify ways to stop leaks, drips and unnecessary water usage.

For information on water conservation programs and rebates for residents, businesses and commercial water customers, call the City of Mountain View Water Conservation Hotline at (650) 903-6216 or the Santa Clara Valley Water District at (408) 265-2607 or visit www.conservewater.mountainview.gov.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Don't miss these annual community events this Spring:

Arbor Day Celebration – March 14

Paper Shredding Event – March 14

Citywide Garage and Community Yard Sale – May 2

Community Yard Sale – May 9

Check out
the Community
Calendar of Events
on page 7

Save the Date:
Thursday Nights Live...
July 9th, July 23rd,
August 6th, and
August 20th

CITY FACES BUDGET CHALLENGES IN FY 2009-10

Due to the current economic crisis facing the nation, State, and region, the City is reviewing its budget plans for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10, along with monitoring the budget for the current FY 2008-09. Prudent budgeting, a diverse economic base, a current limited hiring freeze, a lean City workforce, and a minimum of housing foreclosures position Mountain View in a somewhat stronger position than many other cities.

For the current Fiscal Year, the City believes it should be able to complete the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009 without a deficit. However, the FY 2009-10 budget and budgets for several years into the future will show deficits unless actions are taken to lower expenditures and/or raise revenues. The City is now experiencing a General Fund budget that is structurally out of balance (revenue growth not keeping pace with expenditure increases).

For FY 2009-10, the City anticipates a General Fund deficit of approximately \$6.0 million (estimate is subject to change). The General Fund receives the majority of its revenues from property taxes, sales tax, other local taxes, interest earnings, fees and service charges. Much of these revenues are subject to significant fluctuation due to economic conditions. The General Fund provides funding for most of the City's day-to-day services from public safety—to recreation and parks—to library services.

Like other cities and organizations, Mountain View projects unavoidable increases in costs to provide services. As the recession continues, it is anticipated that the impacts to everyday services may become more significant than during the last economic downturn (after the dot-com failures). This was a difficult period in which the City saw its workforce reduced by over 10% through managed attrition policies.

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City Actions to Manage Budget Challenges

The City is taking a proactive approach to the current economic crisis by looking at areas for cost reductions, as well as potential fee/revenue increases for General fund services. In this way, Mountain View hopes to avoid compounding existing fiscal problems and to minimize disruption of services. The City has taken the following steps to begin to meet the challenges to the budget:

- A partial hiring freeze has been implemented for all vacant positions.
- Discretionary increases in expenditures are being eliminated.
- All City Departments are preparing budget reduction alternatives and are taking all reasonable actions to reduce spending.
- The City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is being examined to determine what projects can reasonably be deferred, without impact on services.

Additional Steps

The City will be challenged to develop a balanced General Fund budget for FY 2009-10 and beyond that limits impacts to services. Thus, the City will consider many alternatives to meet these fiscal challenges. In the coming weeks many options will be reviewed. The upcoming budget process for FY 2009-10 will focus on trying to limit expenditures while preserving City services. Budget recommendations will be developed in a phased process as new information is available for consideration by the City Council, including the following public meetings:

- **Part I and Part II (Narrative Budget Reports) will be presented in the April/May time frame.**
- **Budget Hearing on June 2, 2009**
- **Proposed Budget Adoption on June 9, 2009**

Additional meetings may be added, budget and meeting information is available at www.mountainview.gov. For more information on the budget, call the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6301.

Understanding the General Fund:

The General Fund is a main component of the City's operating budget that provides for core programs and services.

To be able to provide a full range of services to Mountain View residents, the City relies on local tax revenues, fees and charges, and external sources, such as intergovernmental funds (State or Federal governments). Most of the funds the City receives, such as property tax, sales tax, and other taxes and fees are accounted for in the General Fund.

These revenues are used to provide for public safety, recreation, parks, library services, and the regular maintenance of streets and other infrastructure throughout the City. The General Fund provides for operational services in the City, while capital and other special funds are restricted by law for the purpose of such funds (such as water and wastewater enterprise funds) and cannot be used for general operational purposes.

The General Fund revenues are subject to changes in economic conditions and can fluctuate significantly. Regular cyclical fluctuations can usually be factored into longer-term analyses, but the dramatic downturn of this current recession creates more uncertainty. FY 2009-10 General Fund revenues are currently projected to be down by approximately \$2.0 million dollars from this current fiscal year's budget.



Financial Forecast Helps Future Planning

As a foundation for Fiscal Year 2009-10 General Operating Fund budget preparation, the City completed a Long-Range Financial Forecast report to project revenue and expenditure trends for the next ten years. The purpose of the report is to provide the City Council with reasonable projections of Mountain View's future financial situation in order to facilitate its current decision-making.

Trends in the report show that, while the \$6.0 million deficit projected for Fiscal Year 09-10 is largely due to the current economic crisis, the continuation of a deficit based on a status quo budget throughout the 10-year forecast period points to the difficulty of maintaining a positive balance of revenues and expenditures.

In addition to quantifying this imbalance, the report also identifies economic development strategies to potentially increase revenues, and identifies options for potential revenue enhancements.

For more information about the Long-Range Financial Forecast, contact the Finance and Administrative Services Department at (650) 903-6316 or visit www.mountainview.gov/city_hall/admin_services/current_budget.asp.

Potential Stimulus Funding For Cities

Throughout the development of the Federal stimulus package in Congress, the City has been preparing potential proposals to submit for funding. Staff has been monitoring the requirements and focus of the legislation to determine suitable projects that will meet the required guidelines. If funding becomes available over the next few months, the City will be working diligently to secure monies for a wide range of potential projects that will help both our local infrastructure and economy.

For more information, call the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6301.

New Area Wide Warning System



The City of Mountain View has not had a citywide alerting and warning system since air raid sirens from the cold war era were decommissioned, but that is about to change. In conjunction with Santa Clara County, Mountain View is about to implement a mass notification system.

The new Alert and Warning Call Out System enables local governments to notify large numbers of users at any time, from any place to any device the user may have including landline, cell phone, text message and E-mail. The system will be easy to access by phone or internet, and easy to use.

Mountain View was selected as one of the first cities to implement this program. The City will be conducting an informational outreach campaign in the near future to notify citizens about the program. For more information, call the Office of Emergency Services at (650) 903-6825.

Mountain View

Did you know that every time you shop at stores or dine in Mountain View, the City receives only 1% of the 8.25% sales tax that is collected? The remaining percentage is distributed to the State, County, and other agencies. Sales and hotel tax revenues account for approximately 25% of the revenue used by the City's General Operating Fund.

The General Operating Fund (see budget story in this issue) supports the majority of the basic services and programs local residents and businesses rely on, including police and fire services, recreation and park services and library services.

Every time you shop or dine in Mountain View, you help support and maintain the quality of City services Mountain View residents have come to expect from the City, and that make Mountain View such a desirable place to live.

It Pays to Shop in

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City Mission Statement
The City of Mountain View provides quality services and facilities that meet the needs of a caring and diverse community in a financially responsible manner.

CITY PROJECTS

Cuesta Annex Master Plan Update

This past December, the City Council approved a Master Plan for the 12.5-acre site known as the Cuesta Annex, located adjacent to Cuesta Park at the corner of Miramonte Avenue and Cuesta Drive. The Master Plan was developed with extensive input from the community and will guide the future uses of the land.

The Master Plan calls for a range of uses for the site, including agricultural, cultural and passive uses. Planned uses include:

- A flood detention feature with a 65 acre-foot storage capacity
- A pathway linking the Annex area to Cuesta Park
- An oak woodland with trails, picnic sites and native landscaping
- A 10,000 square foot history museum
- A quarter-acre orchard
- Increased parking by reconfiguration of the Cuesta Park West parking lot

Funding, design, environmental review, public comment, City Council approval and construction of the Master Plan elements will occur, as individual elements are ready to proceed. The Santa Clara Valley Water District will fund, design, construct and maintain the proposed flood detention subject to approvals from the City. The Mountain View Historical Association will fund, design, construct, and maintain the proposed history museum.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.

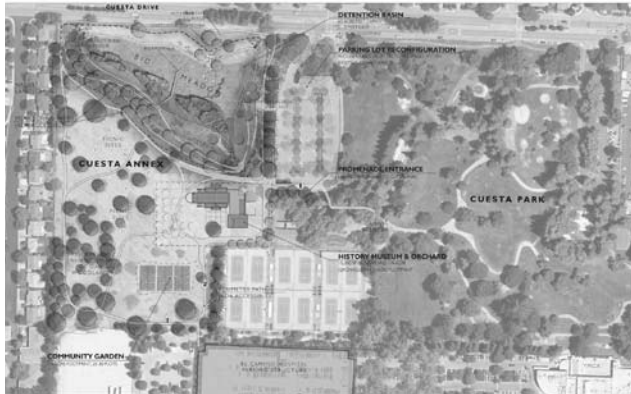


Stevens Creek Trail Update

Work on the Stevens Creek Trail extension from El Camino Real to Sleeper Avenue is in the final phase of construction and is expected to be complete in April. This section of the project will include a paved trail lined with native shrubs, a grove of oak trees, a meadow area, and a steel bridge over Stevens Creek. The project will open easy access to the Stevens Creek Trail for residential neighborhoods south of El Camino Real.

The next segment of the trail includes a bicycle/pedestrian bridge over Highway 85 and then continues to a landing area at the intersection of Dale Avenue and Heatherstone Way. This segment is currently in the early stages of the design phase and is undergoing technical review by Caltrans—this section is not currently funded. The design of the final proposed trail section from Dale Avenue and Heatherstone Way to Mountain View High School is unscheduled.

When completed, the hiking and biking trail will run from Shoreline at Mountain View Park to Mountain View High School. For more information on the Stevens Creek Trail project, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.



Low Income Grants and Funding

This Spring, the City will hold public hearings to allocate Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) funding. This funding is given to cities by the Federal government for use in public service programs and capital projects benefitting low-income households and areas. For Fiscal Year 2009-10, Mountain View expects to distribute roughly \$1 million in CDBG/HOME funds.

The City received twenty-one proposals from public service agencies and four capital project funding requests for the available funds. Local public service agencies are requesting funds for homeless, youth, and senior programs, in addition to funding for the provision of basic needs, such as food and healthcare. Agencies have also requested funding for energy efficiency improvements to apartments that provide units to lower-income Mountain View households.

For more information on upcoming public hearings regarding the allocation of CDBG/HOME funds for this fiscal year, call the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6379 or visit www.mountainview.gov.



New Overcrossing at Moffett Boulevard

A new Stevens Creek Trail pedestrian/bicycle overcrossing of Moffett Boulevard will open this Spring. The bridge will allow trail users to pass over Moffett Boulevard and avoid using the street-level crosswalk, eliminating the last street crossing along the trail in Mountain View. The new overcrossing will look similar to the existing Stevens Creek Trail Bridge over Central Expressway.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.

MAJOR PROJECTS

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The City is currently moving forward with proposals for three new housing developments in Mountain View. For more information on the following planning applications, as well as other development projects in the City, contact the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6379.

Mayfield Housing

The City Council has approved the remaining phases of a new residential project for the former Mayfield Mall site that calls for a total of up to 436 units arranged around two public parks on the site. The Master Plan calls for 42 small-lot single-family detached homes, 15 three-story row houses, and nearly 400 units in several multi-story buildings.

The landowner, Hewlett-Packard, is currently, seeking a developer to purchase the development rights for the project.

Grant Road/Levin Avenue Housing

The City has completed the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for a proposed single-family residential subdivision on a 14.5-acre site at the southeast corner of Grant Road and Levin Avenue. The DEIR was developed with public input that was gathered at neighborhood meetings. The site was recently annexed into the City of Mountain View and is zoned Single-Family Residential.

The proposed project includes about 53 single-family homes on minimum 8,000 square foot lots. Architectural plans have been submitted for six conceptual unit designs, including a mixture of one- and two-story styles that range in size from approximately 2,900 – 3,400 sq. ft.

The Final EIR for the development project is tentatively scheduled for Council review this March.

Whisman Area Housing

The City is studying the possible conversion of industrial land to residential uses in the 38-acre South Whisman Area (bounded by Whisman Road on the west, Ferguson Drive on the east, Whisman Station to the south and properties on the south side of Middlefield Road to the north).

The study area will include a maximum of 1,120 units arranged around a 4-acre public park and up to 37,000 square feet of supporting neighborhood commercial uses. The neighborhood will include a mix of residential types, from small-lot single family and row-homes near the existing Whisman Station, to three and four-story stacked flats closer to East Middlefield Road.

The plan for the new neighborhood was developed over the past two years and includes input from community meetings in surrounding neighborhoods and from local businesses. City Council hearings on the final Environmental Impact Report for the project and Precise Plan will be held this March.



Fire Station 5

Design is underway of a new Fire Station 5, located at 2195 North Shoreline Boulevard. The 10,000 square foot building will replace the modular units that are currently being used. The design will feature a two-story Fire Station with traditional brick architecture, and may also include a Shoreline command center for the Police Department and multi-purpose room, as well as sleeping quarters.

The City plans to seek silver certification from the United States Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) by integrating energy-saving and environmentally-friendly features.

Plans for the new building are anticipated to be approved by Summer 2010, and construction of the new fire station should be complete by the end of 2011. For more information, call the Fire Department at (650) 903-6365.



Senior Advisory Task Force

The City's Senior Advisory Task Force will deliver a final report to the City Council this March assessing the needs of Mountain View seniors. The report is based on a survey of seniors in the community and examines senior needs in housing, transportation, recreation and social services.

Appointed by the Council, the Task Force is comprised of seniors who are Mountain View residents, as well as professional providers of senior services and programs. The Task Force meets the 4th Monday of every month at the Senior Center. For more information, call the Senior Center at (650) 903-6330 or Task Force Liaison Rae Blasquez at (650) 903-6607.



Program Recognized for Limiting Pesticides

The City of Mountain View is part of a countywide association called the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program that has received a State award for its efforts to reduce pesticide pollution. The Program, which is a local association consisting of 15 government agencies, received the Integrated Pesticide Management Innovator Award from the California Department of Pesticide Regulation for its extensive outreach efforts to limit the use of toxic pesticides.

The Program partners with local retail stores in Santa Clara Valley to provide information to help consumers identify safer alternatives to conventional pesticides and choose less-toxic products. The Program also initiated the Green Gardener Training program to educate professional landscapers, gardeners and landscape maintenance workers on sustainable landscaping practices. For more information, visit www.scvurppp.org.



Spring & Summer FUN

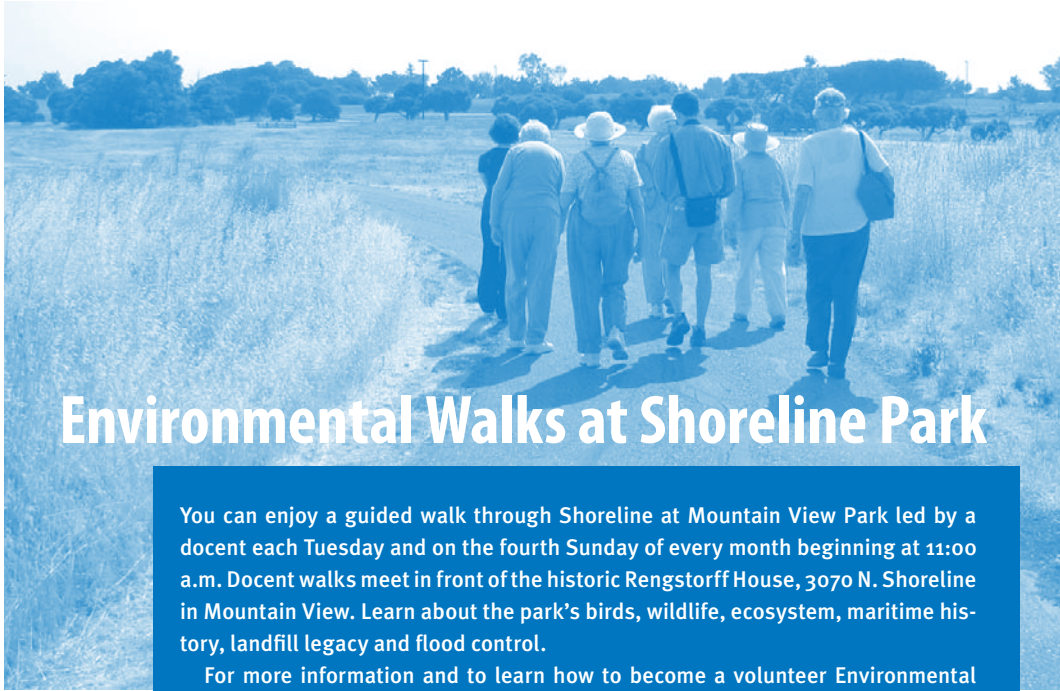
You can register
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online.activenetwork.com/
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There is fun to be had right
View this Spring and Summer
Community activities and
Seasonal highlights include



Arbor Day Celebration March 14

Mountain View will celebrate Arbor Day on Saturday, March 14 in Pioneer Park, on Church Street between City Hall and the Library. All activities are free and open to the public. The celebration begins at 10:15 a.m. with a children’s Arbor Day reading presentation in the Mountain View Public Library. Activities follow in the park with a tree planting at 11:00 a.m. and continue until 1:00 p.m. Enjoy children’s arts and crafts, face painting, a guided tree walk and complimentary hot dogs and drinks. Public agencies and volunteer environmental groups will provide information about trees, composting, recycling and conservation. A tree climbing demonstration by the Forestry Division is also scheduled. Enjoy live music performed by Still Kickin’. Mountain View’s Annual Arbor Day ceremony will be celebrated rain or shine. For more information, contact the Forestry and Roadway Landscape Division at (650) 903-6273.



Environmental Walks at Shoreline Park

You can enjoy a guided walk through Shoreline at Mountain View Park led by a docent each Tuesday and on the fourth Sunday of every month beginning at 11:00 a.m. Docent walks meet in front of the historic Rengstorff House, 3070 N. Shoreline in Mountain View. Learn about the park’s birds, wildlife, ecosystem, maritime history, landfill legacy and flood control. For more information and to learn how to become a volunteer Environmental Docent, call Senior Recreation Coordinator Kristina Rockhold at (650) 903-6073.

A Great Place for Bikes

This year, the League of American Bicyclists renewed the City’s designation as a Bike Friendly Community. In 2007, Mountain View completed its first bike boulevard, which extends from the north City limits to Whisman Road. The 3.4-mile route uses low volume, low speed roads to enhance safety and encourage more bike traffic. The bike boulevard includes signs providing distances, average travel times and directions to major destinations, including the downtown and the Stevens Creek Trail. To celebrate this award, additional bike friendly community signs are being placed on major roads throughout the City. For your copy of the Mountain View Bike Map or to get more information on local bike resources, call the Public Works Department (650) 903-6260.

Free Children’s Theater in the Park

The Peninsula Youth Theatre (PYT), in partnership with the City of Mountain View, presents free children’s theater productions this Summer at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro Street. A different 45-minute children’s story will be presented each Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. from June 26 through August 14. Bring the kids, a picnic dinner and a blanket to sit on at the Center’s outdoor ParkStage, located adjacent to Pioneer Park. The performers are students (ages 6–13) enrolled in PYT’s popular “Children’s Theatre in the Park” Summer drama camps. Check the enclosed Spring/Summer Recreation Guide for information on how to register your child for a camp. For more information, call the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts at (650) 903-6000 or visit www.mvcpa.com.



Upcoming Children’s Theater Productions	
June 26	Sleeping Beauty
July 2	Thumbelina (Thur. due to holiday)
July 10	Dr. Doolittle
July 17	Jack and the Giant
July 24	The Frog Prince
July 31	Stone Soup
August 7	Henny Penny
August 14	Charlotte’s Web



Farmers’ Market Every Sunday

The Mountain View Farmers’ Market is open each Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Downtown Mountain View Caltrain Station parking lot at 600 West Evelyn Avenue. The market is operated by the California Farmers’ Market Association and features more than seventy growers and food vendors. For more information, call the California Farmers’ Market Association at (800) 806-3276 or visit the California Farmers’ Market Association website at www.cafarmersmkts.com.

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For tennis, golf,
and aquatic classes
reservations, see
the *Recreation Guide*
inside this issue.

Get Ready for Spring!

Do not miss these annual Citywide community events—

Free Paper Shredding Event March 14

The City will hold a free paper shredding event on Saturday, March 14 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. St. Joseph's Parking Lot on the corner of Castro and Church Streets. Shredding helps to protect against identity theft.

- Shred old tax returns, bank statements, credit cards, confidential papers, floppy disks, CDs, DVDs and VCR cassettes.
- Paper in binders and notebooks or with staples, paperclips or binder clips accepted.
- Limit 2 paper grocery bags or cardboard storage boxes (10" x 12" x 24").

The event is sponsored by Public Works Department, Police Department and Shred-It Corporation. For more information, call (650) 903-6311.

Citywide Garage Sale May 2

Hold a garage sale at your home as part of a citywide event on Saturday, May 2 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Maps of participating homes will be available for shoppers at City Hall, local coffee houses and in the May 1 issue of the Mountain View Voice. Call the City's Solid Waste and Recycling Division at (650) 903-6227 for more information. Register by April 17 online at www.mvrecycle.org or call (650) 903-6227 for a registration form.

Community Yard Sale May 9 at Rengstorff Park

Join friends and neighbors at Rengstorff Park on Saturday, May 9 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for hot bargains and good food. Register by April 17 to secure a sales spot. Call the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331 for more information.

Summer Safety Tips

As Summer heat and activities approach, here are some precautions to ensure safety.

- Drink plenty of fluids and provide water for your pets.
- Avoid excessive exposure to the sun and use sunscreen.
- Dress in light-weight, loose-fitting clothing and wear a hat or use an umbrella.
- Do not leave children or pets unattended in vehicles.
- Limit physical activity during hottest time of day (usually 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.).
- Call 911 for emergencies.

Water/Pool Safety Tips:

- Teach all children to swim and never let them swim alone.
- A self-closing, self-latching fence should surround backyard pools/spas.
- Use alarms on windows and doors that open to the pool area.
- Mount lifesaving devices by the pool in a visible, accessible location.
- Have a telephone at poolside with emergency number 911 posted on the phone.
- Learn CPR.



Shoreline Amphitheatre Resident Ticket Policy

Mountain View residents may purchase tickets for most events at Shoreline Amphitheatre two days in advance of the general public. To participate in the program, residents must first obtain a Resident Identification Card from the Shoreline Amphitheatre Box Office. Resident Identification Cards will be issued at the Amphitheatre Box Office starting in mid-April.

A full description of the resident ticket program, along with its requirements and restrictions, may be obtained at the Shoreline Amphitheatre Box Office. Call the Shoreline Box Office at (650) 967-4040 for more information.

Rengstorff House Exhibits

Visit Mountain View's historic Rengstorff House, located at 3070 N. Shoreline Boulevard, to learn more about the city's early settlers and the area's history. The venue also hosts a variety of exhibits and events.



Upcoming Exhibits

March 1–May 31	Spring Tea Etiquette
June 1–July 31	Parlor Games & Pastimes in Early America
August 1–31	Arts Month, Presented by the Friends of 'R' House

Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 19	Spring Flower Show
Thursday, August 6	August Arts Month Reception

For more information about Rengstorff House and additional events and activities, call (650) 903-6073 or visit www.r-house.org.

Annual Downtown Parade on April 25th

Join family and friends for Mountain View's 31st Annual Downtown Spring Family Parade beginning at 12 noon on Castro Street, Saturday, April 25.

Join us after the parade and enjoy special activities in Pioneer Park where you'll find children's activities, music, delicious food and entertainment. Pioneer Park is located directly behind City Hall at 500 Castro Street.



Library Summer Reading Programs

The Mountain View Public Library offers a wide range of free Summer programs for children and teenagers. This year, the Library will also offer activities for adult readers. The theme for youngsters is 'Be Creative', the teen program is titled 'Express Yourself' and the adult program is called 'Master the Art of Reading'.

Sign ups for all programs begin June 8 at the Library, 585 Franklin Street. An awards program will be held on Wednesday, August 12.

Family Kick-off Picnic June 12: Enjoy a family picnic and learn more about Library programs on Thursday, June 12 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Pioneer Park (behind the Library). The Friends of the Library sweeten the evening with cake for dessert, followed by entertainment with magician Dan Chan and program sign-ups.

Reading Families Program: This program offers reading incentives for preschoolers by inviting them to listen to stories read aloud, along with their parents and siblings.

Librology: This original Mountain View reading and research game is played during the month of July and is open to readers who are 8 or older.

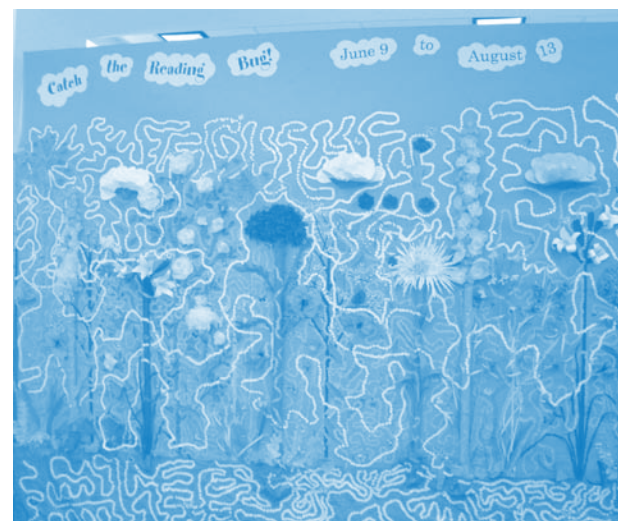
Ages 5-12: "Brian and the Blowhards introduces the science of music and a design to youngsters, hosted by the staff of the Tech Museum. There will also be clowning, puppets, stories, magic and music.

Preschoolers: A drop-in series of musical story-times for preschoolers will be offered on Tuesday mornings in late June and July.

Teen Programs: Watch the Library website for details about special Summer activities for teens.

Adult Program: Watch the Library website for details about special Summer activities for teens.

More information about Library programs for children is available by calling (650) 903-6897 or visiting the Library's website at <http://library.mountainview.gov>.



CONNECTING WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

**Volunteer Services
Program**
Connecting with
your community!

Volunteer with the City of Mountain View

The City of Mountain View's Volunteer Services Program gives you the opportunity to turn your special talents and abilities into positive action. For more information, call Rae Blasquez, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, at (650) 903-6607 or visit www.mountainview.gov to download a volunteer application.

"For the past two summers, I have been a leader-in-training for several of the recreational summer camps. It's a great experience. If you ever get the opportunity, definitely take it."

—Emily Tran,
Junior at Los Altos High School and
Recreation Department Volunteer

Current Volunteer Opportunities

Deer Hollow Farm—School Year: Teaching Docents—Teach small groups of elementary school children about the farm and Native American studies. School year classes are held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from September through May. No experience necessary. Training and curriculum are provided. Call Deer Hollow Farm at (650) 903-6430 or E-mail dhfarms@mountainview.gov

Center for Performing Arts—Ushers—are needed to assist patrons at scheduled performances. The next usher training will be held Monday, March 16th and Monday, March 23rd, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Center. No pre-registration required. Volunteers must attend both sessions. For more information, contact Liz Nelson at (650) 903-6568 or Liz@mvcpa.com

Mediators—Volunteer mediators provide free tenant/landlord and neighborhood mediation services for the community. Deadline for applications is March 27. For more information and for applications, contact the Mediation Office at (650) 960-0495 ext. 15 or visit mediate4mv@projsen.org.

Senior Center—Front desk—Greet and give informational assistance to senior visitors. Shifts are available M–F, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or work as a substitute. For more information, contact Megan Garverick at (650) 903-6448 or by E-mail at megan.garverick@mountainview.gov

Senior Center—Computer Lab—Assist seniors in the technology center working with computers. Shifts are available M – F, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, contact Megan Garverick at (650) 903-6448 or by E-mail at megan.garverick@mountainview.gov

"I have volunteered as a Latin Salsa Instructor for the City for the past seven years. It gives me a sense of accomplishment, of giving back, of furthering the education of youngsters with a goal of keeping them off the streets, and setting a goal they can accomplish."

—Juan C. Aranda Jr.,
Recreation Department Volunteer



Senior Center—Blood Pressure Nurses—Registered Nurses or Certified Nurses Assistants are needed to provide free blood pressure screening for seniors on a monthly basis. An active nurse's license is required. Please contact Lauren Merriman at (650) 903-6330 or by E-mail at lauren.merriman@mountainview.gov

Shoreline at Mountain View—Help the public by working in a variety of areas:

- Rengstorff House Docents are needed to conduct guided tours about the history and architectural heritage of the historic Rengstorff House.
- Gatehouse Greeters welcome visitors and educate the public on policies at the park's front gate entrance. Three-hour shifts are available any day of the week.
- Patrol Rangers walk Shoreline and/or Stevens Creek Trail to assist users with routes and park policies.
- Environmental Docents educate the public about the area's history and natural surroundings.
- Gardeners help with Rengstorff house landscaping upkeep.
- Public Relations Assistant helps promote events and programs.
- Exhibitions/Curriculum Assistant helps develop events and programs.

For volunteer job descriptions and additional information on opportunities within the 750-acre wildlife and recreation area, please call (650) 903-6073 or E-mail kristina.rockhold@mountainview.gov.

Police—Home Security Inspection—Volunteers with a background in home construction, home security, or related field are needed to help with security inspections. Requires a 4-hour/month commitment with training provided. Fill out an application form at www.mvdpd.gov or call Kaitlen at (650) 903-6749 or E-mail pdvolunteers@mountainview.gov

Police—Field Assistance Volunteer—Conduct tobacco compliance checks, assist with outreach in our false alarm program, patrol parks, provide information to the public and assist patrol teams with traffic enforcement and neighborhood canvasses as needed. Requires a 4-hour/month commitment; training provided. Fill out an application form at www.mvdpd.gov or call Kaitlen at (650) 903-6749 or E-mail pdvolunteers@mountainview.gov

Fire—Amateur Radio Operators Needed—FCC licensed amateur radio operators are needed to assist the Mountain View Fire Department with communications during communitywide emergencies. For more information,

**If you have an idea,
or talent to offer, or want
to join our team, call the
Volunteer Services Office
today at (650) 903-6607**

"I have lived in Mountain View nearly 20 years and I am happy to give my time to help in the community."

—Yvette Ching,
Volunteer in City Clerk's Office

contact Lynn Brown, Coordinator, Office of Emergency Services at (650) 903-6825.

Community Outreach Program—Volunteers bilingual in English and Russian or Spanish are needed to assist staff in providing information about City services at various fairs and events. Requires a 2-4 hour weekend commitment with training provided. For more information, contact Blanca Cinco at (650) 903-6145 or E-mail blanca.cinco@mountainview.gov

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Spring Downtown Parade—Special Event—Volunteers are needed to help at the 31st Annual Downtown Parade on Saturday, April 25th. Help with set up, decorations, face painting, game booths or be a block monitor. Call the Volunteer Services Office at (650) 903-6607.

Summer Youth Programs—Leader in Training—Assist with various program areas, such as day camps, preschool, aquatics and sports. Must be 13-15 years old. Application and interview assessment required. Beginning March 2, pick up an application packet at the Community Center, Graham and Crittenden Middle Schools or download an application from www.mountainview.gov. Applications are due on Friday, May 1 by 5:00 p.m. For more information, contact the Recreation office at (650) 903-6410.

Youth Advisory Committee—Middle and high school students are needed to help provide input to the City Council and staff on matters relating to youth and teens in Mountain View. Meets twice a month on Mondays. Applications available at your school office, the Community Center, located at 201 South Rengstorff Avenue, and online at www.mountainview.gov. Submit applications by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 10. For more information, call (650) 903-6410.



The View newsletter is part of the City's community outreach and information program—should you have any questions about the latest View, please call (650) 903-6210 or send an E-mail to: kimberly.thomas@mountainview.gov

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All dates and locations are subject to change. Check out the website, KMVT, or contact the City Clerk's Office at (650) 903-6304 to confirm dates and times.



City Offices will be closed:

Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day Holiday
Friday, July 3 for Independence Day Holiday

Council, Board, Committee and Commission Meetings

All dates and locations are subject to change. Check out the website, KMVT, or contact the City Clerk's Office at (650) 903-6304 to confirm dates and times.

City Council – meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Castro Street

Library Board – meets the third Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m., Library Conference Room, Library, 585 Franklin Street

Environmental Planning Commission – meets the first and third Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Castro Street

Human Relations Commission – meets the first Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Plaza Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro Street

Parks and Recreation Commission – meets the second Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee – meets the last Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Plaza Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro Street

Downtown Committee – meets as needed.

Performing Arts Committee – meets the third Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., SecondStage, Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro Street

Visual Arts Committee – meets the second Wednesday of the month, 6:00 p.m., Atrium Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro Street

Youth Advisory Committee – meets the first Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m., Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff Avenue

Senior Advisory Task Force – meets Sept., 22, Oct. 27, Nov. 17, Dec. 15, January 26, and February 23, 5 p.m. Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue

Your Connection to City Government

You can watch City Council meetings live on your computer, laptop, or PDA device. You can also access an archive of previous Council meetings and many Environmental Planning Commission meetings and view them on-line. This is your link to E-government! The City's Information Technology Division enhances access and improves the way residents find out information about Mountain View.

For updates visit: www.mountainview.gov/news/city



The City will host a Youth in Government Day on March 26, bringing together 65 local middle school students to learn more about municipal government. The event is partially funded by a \$1,300 grant from the Mountain View Kiwanis.

The event is designed to provide middle school students with an opportunity to learn how policy decisions are made in the City. Students will participate in a mock City Council meeting where a Youth Mayor and Youth Councilmembers will make a policy decision for the City.

The Youth in Government Day project is an outgrowth of the City's recently created Youth Advisory Committee, made up of middle and high school students in the Mountain View area. The activities planned for Government Day are based on the educational research done by Project Cornerstone, a County nonprofit organization dedicated to providing educational opportunities for young people.

For more information about Youth in Government Day, call the Recreation Department at (650) 903-6331.



Upcoming Community Events

Arbor Day Celebration – March 14, Pioneer Park, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Paper Shredding Event – March 14, Pioneer Park, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Safe Medication Disposal and Thermometer Exchange – March 14, St. Joseph Parking Lot, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Citywide Garage and Community Yard Sale – May 2

Community Yard Sale – May 9

Household Hazardous Waste Drop offs – March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.

Home Composting Workshops, March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20 10:00 am to 12 noon, Community Center 201 S. Rengstorff. Call (408) 918-4640 to register.

Asian Heritage Celebration in May

Look for more information soon on the City's website about an Asian Heritage Celebration—scheduled for Saturday, May 23rd. Visit the City's website at www.mountainview.gov

Save the Date:
Thursday Nights Live...
July 9th, July 23rd,
August 6th, and
August 20th

